

Update to Finghin's Origins

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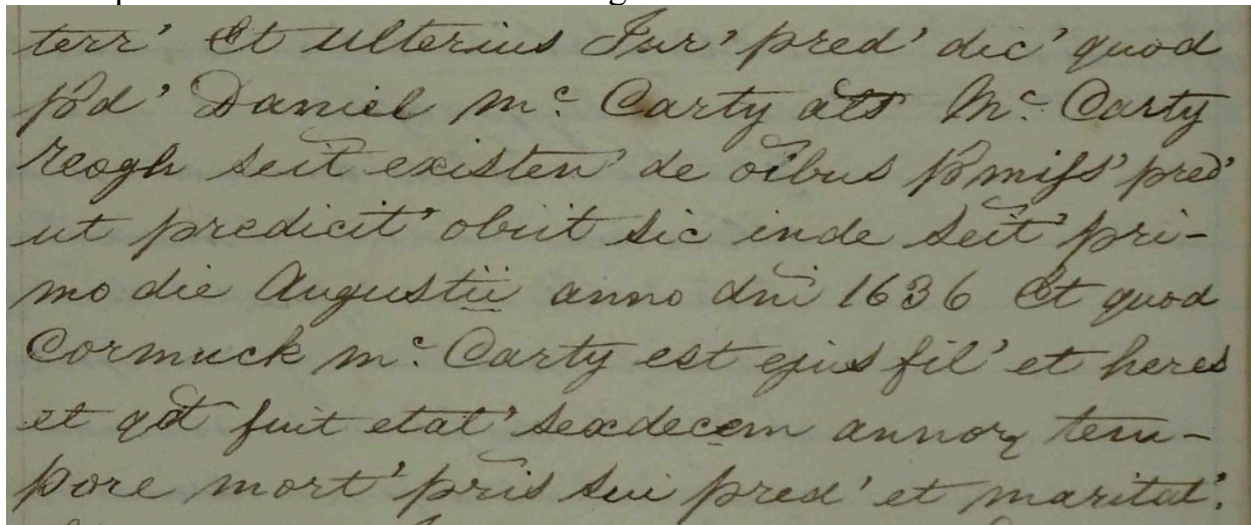
As has been well recorded in the past, and even many current publications, a member of the MacCarthy Reagh family called Finghin (b. 1625, d. 1676) is said to be the son of Cormac, the son of Donal, who was the son-in-law of Viscount Muskery. Indeed, the U.K.'s Ulster Herald even certified it in 1937 on the pedigree for Francis Leader McCarthy-Willis-Bund. However, on the Funeral Entry for Viscount Muskerry we see that Donal had "other sonnes" (see image 85 at <https://catalogue.nli.ie/Record/vtls000529250>).

However, in 1636 the Inquisition Post Mortem of that same Donal MacCarthy Reagh reads: *Et ulterius Jur' pred' dic' quod pred' Daniel Mc Carty als Mc Carty reogh seisit' existen' de omnibus premiss' pred' ut predicit obiit sic inde seisit' primo die Augustii anno dmi' 1636. Et quod Cormuck Mc Carty est ejus fil' et heres et quod fuit etat' sexdecem annorum tempore mort' pris sui pred' et maritat'.*

This is seen in the Irish Record Commission, "Inquisition Post Mortem for Dermott McTeige McDermott Duff, taken at King's Old Castle, Cork on 17/10/1636" <https://www.virtualtreasury.ie/item/RIA-OS-EI-22-16>. Page 66, image 51 of 58.

Translated this reads: "Daniel McCarthy, alias MacCarthy Reagh [died on] 1 August 1636. And Cormac McCarthy, his son and heir, was 16 years of age at the time of his father's death." This would make Cormac 5 years of age at the birth of Finghin, and so is definitely not his father. This does however support the idea that Finghin was simply on the "other sonnes" of Donal. This also explains why Finghin of Benduff (a cousin to Cormac and Finghin) succeeded after Alexander (a descendant of Cormac), and not some other member of the Bernard-Leader MacCarthy-Willis-Bund family.

The Inquisition Post Mortem record image:



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